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Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find for the above-referenced application, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Certification Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98 (three copies for accounting purposes); copy of International Search Report; Form PTO-1449 on which the citations are listed; copies of cited references; and a Return Post Card.

Respectfully submitted,

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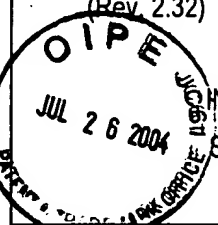
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